Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 26 Sep 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 27 Sep 2021

Forecast Issued on Sunday 26 Sep 2021 at 03:45 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for windy and wet weather later on Sunday and Monday morning, also high confidence for a generally unsettled week of weather with a series of low pressures moving towards the UK later in the week.

Headline for Sunday 26 Sep 2021: Gales, some bright spells, heavy rain in the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 26 Sep 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
20%	20%	20%	60%	80%	80%

Forecast for Sunday 26 Sep 2021

Weather: Quite a lot of hill cloud and some light rain and drizzle for western ranges overnight, further north and east will be drier with some cloud breaks. A dry start with a few sunny spells, although the west will remain quite cloudy with some light precipitation at times. As the day goes on it will cloud over from the west with some rain by mid afternoon, this spreads east during the afternoon, although the hill of the far north around Ben Hope may remain dry. Rain will become heavy and quite persistent through the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: In the south and west, 30% with quite extensive low cloud associated with some light rain and drizzle. East and north will be clearer for much of the day, perhaps 60% decreasing to 30% in the evening.

Visibility: During the morning a lot of ranges will have reasonable visibility, in the west around Skye and Torridon it may be poor at times in light rain and drizzle and extensive low cloud from 400m and above. During the evening there may be a period of quite squally rainfall as the front cross the area and poor visibility associated with this for a time. Further east around Ben Wyvis the tops of most ranges will be clear until mid afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	43/50 S	44/52 S	43/55 S	41/51 S	18/24 SW	15/20 SW	13/17 S
900	40/46 S	40/49 S	40/52 S	38/48 S	17/23 SW	14/18 SW	11/15 S
600	27/34 S	29/37 S	30/42 S	27/37 S	13/19 SW	11/15 SW	9/13 SW
300	3/32 S	6/35 S	9/41 S	8/36 S	5/17 W	1/11 SW	2/10 S
Glen	12/29 S	15/32 S	17/36 S	16/34 S	6/12 W	3/9 SE	3/8 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	9/4	8/2	9/4	9/4	6/2	5/0	4/0
900	10/5	9/4	10/5	10/5	7/3	5/2	5/1
600	12/8	12/7	12/8	12/8	9/6	8/5	7/4
300	14/14	14/14	16/14	14/13	10/10	9/9	9/8
Glen	16/14	17/14	18/14	16/13	12/11	12/11	11/11
Freezing Level*	2400m	2500m	2300m	2700m	2500m	1800m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Southerly gales during the day with frequent stronger gusts on the higher munros, a very blustery late afternoon/evening period.

Forecast for Monday 27 Sep 2021

Weather: A lot of heavy rain from midnight to dawn period on Monday morning, quite persistent and heavy at times. Rain moving away east shortly after dawn and some sunny spells and brighter weather expected behind with a cloud clearing too. A marked fresher feel with frequent showers developing.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 15-20mph, stronger gusts early in the morning but winds moderating around dawn. Winds becoming gusty by late afternoon again especially around showers (Gusts 30-35mph).

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: From daybreak 80% with cloud clearing away after the rain, most hilltops becoming visible, perhaps a few patches of cloud at first. Cloud reforming in heavier showers.

Visibility: After the rain clears visibility will be very good, perhaps dipping moderate in any afternoon showers. A few patches of lower cloud at 6-700m in the morning and scattered cloud at 600m in heavier showers in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 12 falling to 8 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius dropping to 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits, falling to the height of the highest munros by evening.

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